

THE FLATHEAD COUNTRY.

Nate Vestal Tells of a Valley He
Discovered in Dense
Timber.

It Has an Immense Lake and is a
Veritable Hunters'
Paradise.

Years Entertained of an Uprising Among
a Band of Restless Flathead
Indians.

Nate Vestal, known to fame as the owner of the famous Penobscot gold bar, is in the city. Mr. Vestal is now principally occupied in farming, though he has not abandoned mining. He tells of a wonderful valley that he recently opened to civilization, and the discovery of a lake known only to the Indians heretofore. It is situated nine miles northeast of Flathead Lake and is the source of Swan river. It is hid from view by a densely timbered section nine miles long, through which he cut a wagon road. The lake is fifteen miles long and four miles wide, and is not to be found on the map. Surrounding it is an extensive marshy meadow, where an abundant hay crop grows. Mr. Vestal says it is a hunter's paradise. Deer, black bear, beaver, and wild fowl of many varieties are there undisturbed, while the lake is full of the finest speckled trout he ever saw. When he built the road to it, he expected to reap a rich harvest for his labor by cutting the hay. He went away to get machinery for this purpose and during his absence a couple of men went in there and secured a large portion of it. Mr. Vestal, however, has 100 tons stacked up and has taken up some of the land. He resides near the head of Flathead lake with his wife. Mrs. Vestal is quite an adept with a rifle or shot gun and can shoot down a deer as easily as her husband.

Mr. Vestal was recently accidentally shot in the left arm and has not fully regained the use of that member. When asked how it happened he said he laid the gun in a canoe, in which he and Mrs. Vestal were about to take a ride. The gun was discharged by the rocking of the canoe and the bullet caught him just below the elbow passing through the arm. He said he heard the report but could not account for it and looked around to see where the shot came from. Then he noticed smoke coming out of his sleeve and finally felt the pain in his arm. The bullet cut the cords which connects with the finger joints, and has left him powerless to lift anything with that arm.

He reports that a band of Indians up there are restless, and the people in the vicinity are uneasy. The chief of the Flatheads and about sixty warriors recently held a council at Denversville with the people there, the object being to obtain redress for the loss of an Indian who was killed during the recent trouble. They were given no satisfaction, and left in not very good humor. If they were given some white man to kill they would be satisfied. Mr. Vestal says the threat for blood among them is daily increasing and an English-speaking Flathead recently reported they contemplated a raid on some of the farmers, determining to afterwards flee to British America, where they cannot be captured. The farmers are in terror and are devising schemes of organization to do battle and protect their lives and property. While there is no great alarm, Mr. Vestal says the people are not resting very easy over the matter, which may come to a crisis any hour.

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THREE LUNACY CASES.

Judge Howey Disposes of One Case and Has Two to Try.

Edward Iverson was adjudged insane in the probate court yesterday and sent to the Warm Springs asylum. Iverson was formerly an employee of the Montana Central, working at the round house in Helena. His friends noticed he was flighty and complaint was made against him. He was arrested and tried before a jury consisting of Dr. Thompson, C. M. Chambers and George Barker, who after hearing the evidence pronounced him insane.

Another case of lunacy, that of Edward Doyle, was to have come before Judge Howey yesterday but Doyle could not be found. He had not been placed under arrest and it is rumored that his friends did not keep close watch over him, so when the sheriff went to look for him he could not be found. It was stated that he has left the city.

Mrs. M. Lebert will be tried for lunacy this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Lebert is a married woman and has a family. Her case is said to be pitiable.

Children's merino underwear only twenty-five cents at The Bee Hive.

FOREST FIRES NEAR ELLISTON.

The Mountains Ablaze and Great Damage Being Done.

James Shields came in from Elliston yesterday and reports that a raging forest fire broke out in several places early yesterday morning in the mountains around Elliston and destroyed an immense amount of timber. A high wind was blowing and the flames traveled at the rate of fifteen miles an hour wiping out everything in their path. Mr. Shields said they quickly swept away a fine timber forest five miles square and consumed about \$5,000 worth of cord wood which he had piled up. He employs 150 men in his camp and set the entire force to work early in the morning. It becoming apparent that they were unable to stay the fury of the flames, he had them direct all their efforts to saving the new flume, which is four-and-a-half miles long. The fire was still burning last night, but it had so far been kept away from the flume. The loss in timber, Mr. Shields says, is very large and the entire forest may be destroyed. He thinks the fires are due to the carelessness of hunting parties, who leave their camps with the fires burning.

Placer Locations.

George McBurney the w. 1/2 of the e. 1/2 of the n.e. 1/4 of the n.e. 1/4, the w. 1/2 of the n.e. 1/4 of the n.e. 1/4, the n. 1/2 of the n.e. 1/4, the e. 1/2 of the n.e. 1/4 of the n.w. 1/4, the n. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4 of n.e. 1/4, the n.e. 1/4 of s.e. 1/4 of n.w. 1/4, sec. 35, twp. 10, n. r. w. 120 acres.

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P. La Fontaine and W. S. Holland, the Cheyenne Bell quartz lode.

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THE CITY OF MISSOULA.

A Town of Prosperity and Great Promise—
Its Elegant Buildings.

MISSOULA, Oct. 7.—[Correspondence of the Independent.]—The growth of Missoula is remarkable. A city of about 7,000 souls, located on the banks of the Missoula river on a broad, level plain, with wide streets, plenty of trees, many handsome buildings and busy, bustling people, it is a striking illustration of the thrift and enterprise of the great northwest. Here, where a few years ago a brick building was hard to find, are now standing blocks of elegant and costly brick and stone structures which would be creditable to a city many times larger. Everyone who lives in Missoula boasts with pride of the prosperity of the place, its attractive location and its bright future.

The first thing that attracts the observant visitor as he enters the town, is the extensive properties of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, its hospital, round house, machine shops and immense yard. About a fourth of a mile from the depot is the business portion of the city, which is reached after a drive through well kept thoroughfares. The business blocks are costly and substantial and on nearly every corner new buildings are in course of construction, and some of them are beautiful; particularly is this true of the Western National and Higgins' Western bank buildings which are imposing structures. The Higgins bank is a granite building, three stories high, with a stairway entrance and large, highly-polished pillars at the entrance of the portico. The Florence hotel is a large three story structure which is the pride of Missoula. Orchards are plentiful here and various kinds of fruit are raised in abundance. The city is lighted by electricity and a street railway line is rapidly nearing completion. Missoula is far ahead of any town of equal size in the west. It supports three newspapers, which is the best evidence of the character of its people that can be advanced. It is in the center of an immense farming and timber region and is the supply point for these industries as well as the mining industry, which in Missoula county is in its infancy, but has already developed rich quartz properties. It is also destined to be a railroad center and even now several contemplated railway projects have their eye on Missoula as an objective point.

Missoula needs one thing and needs it badly, and that is a court house. The present building that answers this purpose is situated on a centrally located block. The jail is in the rear of the court house and is a brick structure, which is far ahead, in appearance, of the court house. Missoula has had a long season of prosperity which seems to have just begun. Money is plentiful here, property is high and everybody is happy and contented and glad they live in Missoula, because they believe it to be the prettiest and best town in Montana. Her people are cultured, they dress well and seem to enjoy life and take pleasure in extending their hospitality to visitors. Missoula is a city whose possibilities are unlimited and it will not be long before 15,000 population will be placed to its credit.

A fine line of plush dressing cases at The Bee Hive.

AMONG THE POLICE.

A Cheeky Dude—A Pair of Unwelcome Intruders.

Sergeant Nicholson arrested E. O. Porter last night and placed the charge of vagrancy against him. Porter is a nobby looking young man who sports a high hat, gold headed cane, wears fine clothes and goes about town with the air of a millionaire. He lives in a room on the west side of town in the neighborhood where many of Helena's leading citizens reside. No objection is made to this, but the people of that vicinity do object to his audacity in parading the west side streets nearly every evening, arm-in-arm with a clove street colored prostitute, known as Mrs. "Bloody Knife." Complaint has been made of his conduct several times and last night he was arrested. He has no occupation and lives off this colored woman. He will have a hearing this morning.

James King, who says he is from Phillipsburg, and another individual, whom the police were seeking last night, stepped into a cab in front of the Grand Central hotel about 10 o'clock and directed the driver to take them to Col. McCutcheon's residence. Arrived at the house they rang the bell. Col. McCutcheon was out of town so Mrs. McCutcheon responded. She asked: "Who is there?" and one of the men replied that he wanted to get in. The lady told them that she did not know them and requested them to leave as she would call an officer. She left the door without opening it and the hackman then asked for his pay, which he did not get. He then drove off and the men went to the rear of the house and tried to force in the door. Soon a pistol shot was heard and Special Officer DeWitt soon ran to the house and gave chase to the rapidly receding forms of two men, who were soon lost in the darkness. The officer said Mrs. McCutcheon fired the shot.

"Kid" Oren, the hackman who drove them to the house, saw King on Main street and again asked him for his pay. The man would not give up and Officer Quentin was instructed to arrest him, which he did. It is said both were drunk.

The police are making a cleanup of all the vagrants in town and many have been arrested since Saturday.

Dr. Dogge.

Diseases of women a specialty. Sixth avenue and Main street.

ENTITLED TO INTEREST.

An Executor Who Uses the Moneys of an Estate Must Pay Interest.

Judge Howey rendered a decision yesterday in the matter of the estate of John M. Sweeney, deceased. The question to be decided was purely a legal one, and is whether an executor of an estate is chargeable with interest on moneys collected for the estate which he uses until he makes his final report. The judge decided that the executor was liable for the interest. Thomas C. Power was the executor of the estate of John M. Sweeney, and when he filed his report it was objected to by W. R. Sweeney, one of the legatees, on the ground that the estate was entitled to interest on moneys used by the executor.

The judge held that if the moneys had been loaned out at interest the estate would be entitled to the interest, but if the moneys had been put away for safe-keeping and had drawn no interest, the estate could not collect interest; he held, however, that where the executor used the moneys, as was admitted, the estate was entitled to interest, and so ruled.

HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer.

Dinner from 12 to 3 at the Bon Ton.

E. R. E. Carpenter's dental rooms, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, Main street, opposite First National bank.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7,

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Owing to the delay in the arrival from the east of our elevator, to convey our many customers to our new addition, the date for the grand opening has been postponed a few days, but our Fall Stock is now complete, and one of our great bargains will be Ladies' Knit Underwear.

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MORPHINE JOE IN JAIL.

He is Sent up for One Hundred and Forty Days For Stealing.

Joe Nesbit, the notorious morphine and opium fiend, is again in jail and will remain there for 140 days. He stole a brass watch from "Mexican Joe" and was given the full limit of the law, ninety days in the county jail and \$100 fine. Police Magistrate Sanders sentenced him but did it more as an act of charity than to punish him for his crime. Nesbit is one of the worst physical wrecks that was ever addicted to the use of opiates. He is a mere skeleton and looks more like the "ghost of John James Christopher Benjamin" than a human being. He and his wife have long been public nuisances and expense to the community and have been in the police court numerous times. Judge Sanders hopes that by this prolonged confinement Nesbit may be cured of the habit which has reduced him to a condition that is dreadful to look upon. Nesbit begged pitifully to be sent to the insane asylum or the poor farm, but this could not be done, as he is not insane and would be at liberty were he sent to the poor farm.

The Annual Encampment.

The streets were crowded Sunday with people watching evolutions of the military, the Helena companies of Montana national guard, who were preparing for their departure to Fort Ellis, where they will go into encampment for a week. The boys started out bravely, but it is understood that several deserted before the cars were reached. The commissary department is well supplied and the boys will not have to depend upon shooting cotton tails for their grub.

Infants' and children's cloaks at half price at The Bee Hive.

Rissell carpet sweeper only \$2 at The Bee Hive.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Bar silver 93.

Copper—Dull and irregular; lake Oct. \$10.75.

Lead—Steady but dull; domestic, \$3.95.

Stocks today continued to feel the effects of the stringency in money. The tone of dealings remained heavy to weak all throughout the day, and while movements were within narrow limits, the extreme declines ran up to 3 per cent.

and the weak stocks did seven-eighths of the business. The weakness in metals was again a most conspicuous feature of the market. There were rumors of a decision in the case of the North River Sugar Refinery, and they helped to drive that stock down and against the bottom, while the stories of dissensions among the directors were used with considerable effect at the opening. Burlington and Atchison, with Jersey Central and Delaware & Hudson, lead the declines. The ending up of money gave a better tone to dealings toward delivery hour, but Manitoba dropped 6 per cent. on an attempt to market a block of the stock, and the others again followed, the market closing weak and close to the lowest prices. The list is generally materially lower. Governments dull and steady.

Petroleum opened steady at 98 1/2, and after sagging off slightly recovered and closed steady at 98 1/2.

Government bonds, 4s, 127; 4 1/2s, 105 1/2; Northern Pacific, 31 1/2; preferred, 72 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 31 1/2; Oregon Navigation, 96; Transcontinental, 31 1/2; Union Pacific, 62 1/2.

Money on call stringent, ranging from 2 to 15 per cent. Closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper 54 1/2 to 74. Sterling exchange quiet and weak; sixty-day bills, \$4.54; demand, \$4.56 1/2.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000; strong for good to choice; others steady; choice to extra beefs, \$4.50 to 4.75; steers, \$2.00 to 4.40; stockers and feeders, \$1.75 to 3.00; Texas cattle, \$1.50 to 1.75; western ranchers, \$2.00 to 3.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; stronger for heavy; light weaker, mixed, \$3.60 to 4.40; heavy, \$3.50 to 4.25; light, \$3.50 to 4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; weak and 100 lbs. lower; natives, \$3.00 to 4.40; western, \$2.40 to 4.05; Texans, \$4.50 to 4.00.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Lower, Oct., 81 1/2; Dec., 83 1/2; May, 85 1/2.

Corn—Steady; Oct., 30 1/2; Nov., 28; May, 33 1/2.

Oats—Easy; Oct., 19 1/2; May, 22 1/2.

Pork—Firm; Oct., \$10.50; Jan., \$9.32 1/2; Apr., \$9.35.

Lard—Firm; Oct. \$6.22 1/2; Jan., \$5.97 1/2.

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Highly important notice to real estate and house buyers and all interested in Helena properties: Read this list of inside city lots, which will be sold at auction on Friday evening next at 7 o'clock, by Joseph Wolf, at his Real Estate Sale Room, Granite Block, Main Street. Mark this fact: Every lot will be sold absolutely to the highest bidder.

Lots 10, 11 and 12, block 95, Northern Pacific addition No. 2.
Lots 1 and 2, block 96, Northern Pacific addition No. 2.
Lot 15, block 36, C. W. Cannon addition.
Lots 27 and 28, block 33, Broadwater addition.
Ninety feet frontage in block 6, Boyce addition.
Lots 7 and 8, block 21, Hauser addition.
Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, block 54, Hauser addition.
Lot 4-room dwelling house, warm and snug, in block 29, Northern Pacific addition, close to depot.

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Lot 15, block 99, Northern Pacific addition; large lot.
Lots 7 and 8, block 39, Northern Pacific addition.
100 feet in Ames addition, being lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 203, one block from Motor.

Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 203, City Park addition.
Lots 4 and 5, block 3, Fairmount Park addition.
Lots 8 and 9, block 1, Hewins addition.
Lots 5, 6 and 7, block 3, Cox addition.

Also lots in Villard, Phoenix and McLean Park additions.
Full particulars of the size, location, terms of sale, and all other needed information may be had from the auctioneer. Remember that every lot goes to the highest bidder, and that the sale is on Friday night.

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